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Common Questions On New City Fireworks Ordinance

- 1. **What can be sold?** Consumer fireworks include: ground & hand held sparkling devices, cone fountains, wheels, flitter sparklers, wire sparkler/dipped sparklers, cylindrical fountains, illuminating torches, ground spinners, toy smoke devices and multiple tube devices.
- 2. **What cannot be sold?** Devices that are designed to explode or fly into the air and produce a report/salute are prohibited. Such as missile-type rockets, bottle rockets, torpedoes, jumping jacks, helicopters, sky rockets, roman candles, firecrackers, M80s, or cherry bombs.
- 3. **When do I need a permit?** Any person who offers consumer fireworks for sale in the Lake Havasu City requires a permit from the Lake Havasu City Fire Department Prevention office.
- 4. Where can fireworks be sold? In mercantile occupancy buildings. This includes department stores, drugstores, shopping centers, supermarkets, etc. Temporary facilities are also allowed, such as firework stands, tents, and canopies. A temporary use permit from the Planning & Zoning department is also required.
- 5. **How do I obtain a permit?** Permits are issued through the Fire Department office in City Hall at 2330 McCulloch Blvd. N. You must complete the application and pay the required permit fee. Temporary structure outdoor sale permits are \$200 and indoor sale permits are no fee.
- 6. **Where can I use fireworks I purchase?** Lake Havasu City prohibits the use, discharge or ignition of consumer fireworks within the City limits, except on the Fourth of July.
- 7. **Who can purchase fireworks?** Lake Havasu City ordinance 10-1016 prohibits any person from selling or furnishing any person less than 16 years of age consumer fireworks.
- 8. **What happens if I am caught using fireworks within City limits?** A police officer may issue a criminal complaint or a fire official may issue a violation notice, in order to enforce this ordinance. The fine is \$500 and up to 30 day in jail for a Class 3 Misdemeanor. A person, when found responsible, can be held liable for the expense of any emergency response that is required by illegal use of fireworks. This includes providing police, firefighting, rescue and emergency medical service.

The Lake Havasu City Fire Department encourages everyone using fireworks to celebrate safely and be responsible, especially around children. Any questions regarding the use, sales or possession of fireworks can be directed to the Lake Havasu City Fire Marshal's office at (928) 855.1141

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